

# PICTORIAL GUIDE TO 15 CLASS BOBBINS AND BOBBIN CASES

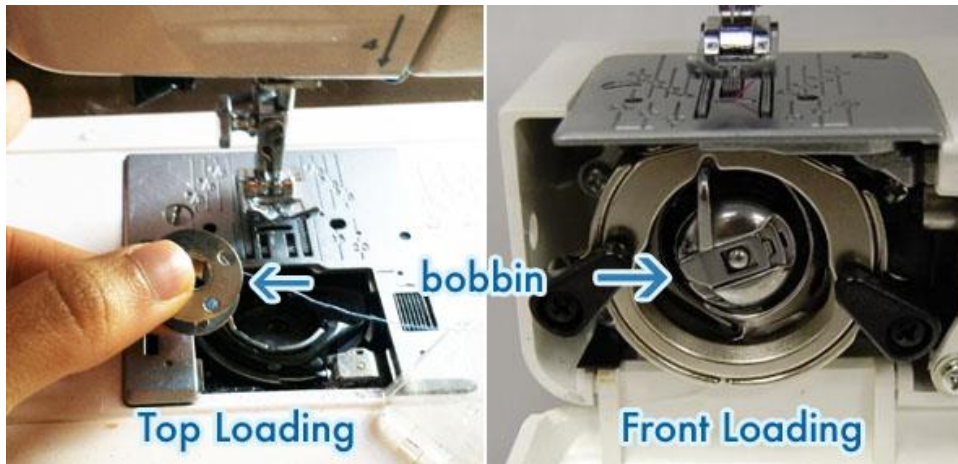


Various bobbins, including the 15 class.





**Bobbin, Case, And Hook**



**When someone refers to a top or front loading machine, this is what they mean. Or a side loading, like the picture below.**



**Below are some comparisons for the two styles of 15 bobbin case. And what they look like in the machine.**



**1 o'clock bobbin case**



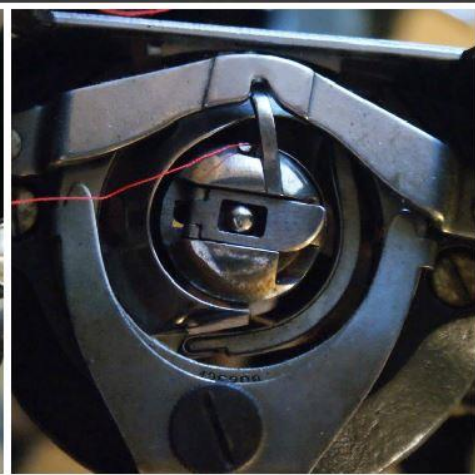
**11 o'clock bobbin case**



**Part # 15277**

**Part # 125291**

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Have you noticed the little holes in the tips of Bernina's and Necchi's bobbin case fingers? They help to guide the thread but add a little extra tension. Necchi (side-facing) recommends passing the thread through the hole in the finger only when sewing with a twin needle. Bernina (forward-facing) recommends it only for sewing buttonholes. My own testing results are as yet inconclusive – I found that whether or not you should pass the thread through the hole in the finger

depends more on the type of material you are sewing than on the type of stitch or number of needles that you are using. Basically, I would say that if you are having troubles with the regular threading (not through the hole), then you should try threading through the hole and see if it helps.

There are some other small differences between the bobbin cases of different makes, such as the shape of the hinges and of the spring ends, but I haven't noticed any effect on stitch quality there. (We are of course not talking about poorly made bobbin cases where the thread is catching on the hinges or some such. Just bin those and get a new one.)

In conclusion, I think that the modern bobbin case with a wide slot is probably the most versatile and should work on all machines. Notice *should* in the previous sentence. You never know – some machines could be fussy!

(FROM THE VINTAGE SEWINGS MACHINE BLOG)

**For more information on bobbins and bobbin cases try NeedleBar.org.**



**Places on the internet to read about bobbins and bobbin cases. These are just website I found when I did a Google search:**

<http://theuniversalthreadholder.com/bobbins> bobbins and more bobbins.html

<http://www.oldsewinggear.com/blog/how-to-thread-a-japanese-class-15-bobbin>

<http://www.prym-consumer-usa.com/askus/knownotions/index.php>

<https://vintagesewingmachinesblog.wordpress.com/2018/02/01/singer-15-bobbin-case/>

**For excellent Q & A, head over to the Quilting Board.**

<http://www.quiltingboard.com/vintage-antique-machine-enthusiasts-f22/question-about-bobbins-bobbin-cases-t270786.html>